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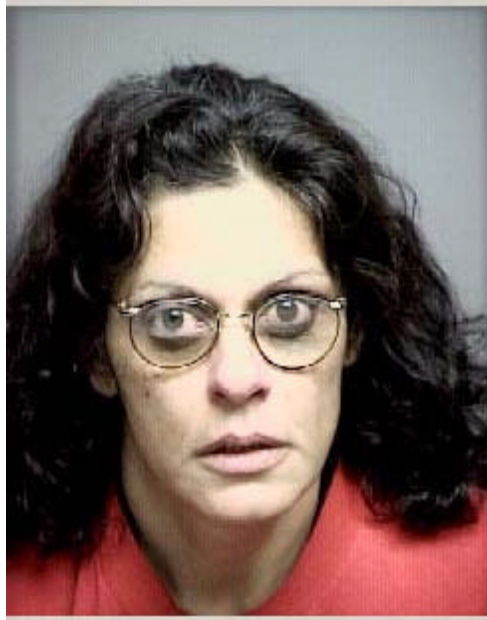
Date/Time of Release: **March 8, 2005 / 2 PM**  
Date/Time of Occurrence: **March 8, 2005 / 6:30 AM**  
Nature of Call: **Child Endangerment**  
Location of Call: **1200 Athens Road / Thunder Valley Casino Parking Lot**  
Case Number: **SO-05-3598**  
Released by: **George Malim, Lieutenant 530-889-7862**

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### SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

A forty-four year-old San Jose woman left her five-year-old daughter unattended in her car for nearly five hours while she gambled in the casino.

At 6:30 AM on March 8, a passerby saw a small girl in the back seat of a car in the Thunder Valley Casino parking lot. The girl was alone in the car and was crying. The passerby contacted casino security. Security responded to the car and removed the five-year-old from the car and brought her to the security office. Casino Security contacted the Placer County Sheriff's Department.



**Christina Medina**

At 6:45 AM, the girl's mother, Christina Medina, 44, of San Jose, returned to the car and was met by security. They escorted her to the security office to await the arrival of a Sheriff's Deputy. The investigation revealed that Medina arrived at the casino at about 1:45 AM. She cashed in a jackpot receipt from a prior visit to the casino and proceeded to gamble, leaving her daughter unattended in the vehicle.

Medina was arrested and booked on one count of felony Child Endangerment and one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance. Medina is being held in the Placer County Jail on \$25,000 bail. Placer County Child Protective Services took the five-year-old into protective custody.